

May God bless this great country.

Mr. HECK. I now yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. DENHAM).

Mr. DENHAM. I thank the gentleman from Nevada for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, in the midst of our Nation's pressing economic troubles and our political disputes, let us all pause for a minute to take a moment and reflect on what happened to our great Nation 10 years ago on September 11.

Americans experienced the most horrific attack in the Western World. On the 10th anniversary of September 11, let us remember the great heroism that came out of this horrible tragedy, the brave first responders, the men and women that serve in the police departments, the men and women that serve in our fire departments, those brave men and women that quickly responded at that horrific time.

Let's also think of the original passengers of Flight 93, those passengers that showed bravery at a very difficult time, the extraordinary action that they took. Let's think of those same service men and women that put their lives on the line every day, put their lives on the line after those attacks, and have continued to put their lives on the line for the last 10 years protecting our country in the wars that ensued after, and the millions of Americans that came together at this tough time, put their differences aside, put their political differences aside, put all of their differences aside and came together as a country.

We can all remember what we felt that day, where we were. I was traveling away from my family. My daughter was 3 years old at the time. I can remember the disbelief as I saw what was happening on TV before my eyes, the sorrow that I felt for the pain that you could see in the faces of those individuals that were wondering whether their family was safe when they went to work that day, the fear that I had as a father and as a husband away from my family, not knowing what was happening in my home State or to my kids.

Then the anger set in. After I found out my family was safe, the anger that I felt that terrorists would attack our great Nation, and then the pride that I felt as America came together, united, the strength of a great nation, understanding that freedom doesn't just come free. To those that attack us, we will fight back, fight back for our freedom and strength as a nation.

I would ask all that remember these stories, the service men and women that are bravely serving our country, to stand proud, to renew their commitment to what happened that day and let us make sure that America never suffers in that way again.

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, I thank all my colleagues for coming down this afternoon and sharing their feelings and experiences on that fateful day of September 11, 2001. We have heard a range of emotions, each telling their own story on how that day affected them.

I ask that we all take a moment of silence on that day, September 11, 2011, on the 10th anniversary, remembering those nearly 3,000 victims, their families and those affected.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL  
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO  
CERTAIN TERRORIST ATTACKS—  
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC.  
NO. 112-52)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2011, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

BARACK OBAMA.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, September 9, 2011.

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Mr. HOLT. I would urge my chair to reconsider after he has read this amendment and support us in the passage of this amendment.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Chairman, I am, at the suggestion of my colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey, indeed re-reading the amendment. It says: "Priority.—In awarding grants under this subsection, the Secretary is encouraged"—and we've got to figure out what "encouraged" means—"to give priority"—I think we know what "priority" means—"to States that encourage"—we're encouraging again—"green school building practices and certification."

Again, I think this language is going to make it more difficult for States to be able to build these charter schools.

We're trying to expand charter schools here and improve academic opportunities for schools, not get into a semantics battle over encouraging and green, which this is necessarily going to lead to. So, again, I oppose the amendment.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BARLETTA (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for September 8 and today on account of severe flooding in his district.

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 28. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 12, 2011, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2996. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Shepherd's Purse With Roots From the Republic of Korea Into the United States [Docket No.: APHIS-2009-0086] (RIN: 0579-AD26) received July 29, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2997. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas in Arizona, California, and Texas [Docket No.: APHIS-2009-0079] received July 29, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2998. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Carboxymethyl guar gum sodium salt and Carboxymethylhydroxypropyl guar; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0531; FRL-8880-5] received July 20, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.